

I have two observations/ comments. I was the ICE action in March 11 until noon so am not privy to the violence that happened that evening except what I have watched from the media and conversations with folks who were there that evening.

500 scared, tired and agitated Vermonters were at the scene. They had already helped the family move their young child to safety. They were committed to keeping community members safe...This was a very emotional, volatile and dangerous situation.

The warrant was for a DUI....

ICE should have walked away and try again another day.... They chose not to and endanger many.

The huge enforcement response was not in line with the crime.

That said, what could be done next time. The State Police should have utilized a trained crisis negotiator. Someone who worked with the protesters, folks inside and ICE. All law enforcement move into an urgent mode and people got hurt. And people were arrested who were not on the warrant.

Again the judicial warrant was for a DUI. Talk was needed. We weren't dealing with violent people in the house.

Secondly, the Supreme Court ruled this past week that officers CAN use harmful force on protesters that do not threaten them. This goes way beyond VT law for use of force.

I'm hoping you come up with a new model policy reiterating that force may not be used on peaceful protesters. That we expect officers to follow use of force guidelines even though the Supreme Court allows it. We as their bosses do Not want them to exercise this kind of force. Remember, the Supreme Court says they CAN but they don't Have to and we don't want them to. I am planning to work with our town chief to work on this language. Would be better if it came from you.

Thank you for your time.

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